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FOR MR SCOTT-PLEASE PASS ASST SECRETARY DALLEY

FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 2694 ACTION SECSTATE INFO LAGOS BELGRADE
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2694

LAGOS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, CU, IN, RQ, UN
SUBJ: UN COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) - PUERTO RICO

REFS: A. USUN 2633 (NOTAL)
B. USUN 2606 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. INDIA'S PERM REP JAIPAL AND YUGOSLAVIA'S
CHARGE MUJEZINOVIC HAVE TOLD AMBASSADOR LEONARD THAT
THEY CANNOT ACCEPT CUBA'S DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUERTO
RICO. JAIPAL HAS WORKED ON CONSENSUS LANGUAGE.
LEONARD HAS STRESSED TO BOTH OUR DESIRE FOR A CONSENSUS
STATEMENT TO CONCLUDE THE HEARINGS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON AUGUST 22 AMBASSADOR LEONARD DISCUSSED C-24
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CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO WITH INDIA'S AMBASSADOR
JAIPAL. LATTER FOUND OPERATIVE PARAS 2 AND 3 OF CUBAN
DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF A) UNACCEPTABLE. JAIPAL SAID HE
HAD TOLD CUBA'S PERM REP ALARCON THAT INDIA WOULD VOTE
AGAINST CUBAN DRAFT. JAIPAL HAD READ ALL THE
PETITIONERS' STATEMENTS AND HAD FOUND IN THEM NO CRITICISM
OF CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA IN PUERTO RICO.

JAIPAL HAD FOUND CRITICISMS FOR THE MOST PART TO HAVE CONCERNED ALLEGED US FAILURE TO MEET PROMISES. JAIPAL SAID INDEPENDENCE PETITIONERS HAD TRIED TO MAKE MUCH OF FACT THAT US DENIED PUERTO RICO TO BE C-24 BUSINESS. JAIPAL CONSIDERED DEBATE TO HAVE BEEN A "VERY FULL ONE". JAIPAL HAD GATHERED FROM ALARCON THAT THE LATTER HAD BEEN UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM SOME PUERTO RICAN ELEMENTS TO INSERT A RESOLUTION. LEONARD AGREED, SINCE INITIALLY CUBANS HAD NOT TURNED DOWN IDEA OF CONSENSUS STATEMENT (REF B).

3. JAIPAL HAD DRAWN UP AND SHOWN ALARCON THE ELEMENTS (IN FINAL PARA BELOW) FOR A CONSENSUS ON PUERTO RICO. ALARCON HAD ASKED FOR INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE CALLING ON US "TO REFRAIN" FROM ACTIONS LIMITING THE EXERCISE OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN PUERTO RICO. JAIPAL REJECTED THIS. (FYI JAIPAL HAS NOT SENT THIS CONSENSUS LANGUAGE TO NEW DELHI BUT HAS REPORTED THAT CUBAN DRAFT RESOLUTION IS UNACCEPTABLE.)

4. LEONARD STRESSED TO JAIPAL OUR VERY STRONG PREFERENCE FOR A CONSENSUS STATEMENT TO END THE HEARINGS. HE ADDED THAT YUGOSLAVIA'S CHARGE MUJEZINOVIC ALSO HAD FOUND GREAT DIFFICULTY WITH CUBAN DRAFT, PARTICULARLY OPERATIVE PARA 3, DEMANDING "IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF THE FIVE NATIONALIST PATRIOTS HELD IN CONFIDENTIAL

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US PRISONS".

5. JAIPAL SAID THAT ALARCON MAY BE RETURNING TO NEW YORK FROM LAGOS BEFORE END OF ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE CUBAN DRAFT RESOLUTION. LEONARD SAID AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD BE DISCUSSING PUERTO RICO IN LAGOS WITH C-24 CHAIRMAN SALIM AND OTHERS. LEONARD THANKED JAIPAL AND SAID HE WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH HIM.

6. JAIPAL'S "ELEMENTS FOR A CONSENSUS ON PUERTO RICO" FOLLOW:

"BEARING IN MIND THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO, THE PROVISIONS OF THE UN CHARTER AND OF RESOLUTION 1514 (XV),

"HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS OF THE PETITIONERS,

"TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE RAPPORTEUR, AND OF THE LETTER DATED 16 MAY 1977 FROM THE US MISSION TO THE UN,

"THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE REAFFIRMS THE INALIENABLE
RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION,
INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE, AND CONSIDERS
THAT ALL INTERESTED AND CONCERNED PARTIES INCLUDING THE
USA SHOULD CONTINUE TO FACILITATE THE EXERCISE OF THAT
RIGHT RESULTING IN A POLITICAL STATUS THAT IS IN ACCORD-
ANCE WITH THE PEOPLE'S FREELY EXPRESSED WISHES."

LEONARD

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